Oil and gas reserves in Rajasthan

†3281. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has found oil and gas reserves in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, in which areas these reserves have been found and how much quantity of oil and gas would be produced from these reserves during 2009; and

(c) by when the production of oil would start and in which area stating the details about the percentage of profit that Rajasthan would get?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) In Block RJ-ON-90/1 in Barmer district of Rajasthan, Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd., (CEIL) and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., (ONGC) have estimated Hydrocarbon reserves of 40.6 Million Metre Tonne (MMT) in Mangala, Aishwariya, Saraswati and Raageshwari fields and 7.32 MMt Bhagyam and Shakti fields.

In Block RJ-ON-6, in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan, the estimated natural gas reserves are 6.96 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM).

(b) and (c) Crude oil production from Block RJ-ON-90/1 in Barmer district of Rajasthan is likely to commence in the second half of the year 2009. Natural Gas production from Block RJ-ON-90/6 in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan is likely to commence in the year 2010.

State Government gets 100% share of royalty on Crude Oil and Gas Production from the State. As per the Production Sharing Contracts, profit petroleum payments are received by the Union of India.

Oil Import Bill

3282. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's oil import in March, 2009 averaged 2.28 mb/d, displaying an increase of 3 per cent or 68,000 b/d compared to February and seven per cent compared to March, 2008;

(b) whether India's net oil import for first quarter of 2009 averaged about 2.19 mb/d, about 35,000 b/d or two per cent higher than for same period in 2008;

(c) whether India's product import declined in March, 2009 by 33,000 b/d or 10 per cent compared to previous month to average 0.28 mb/d, a substantial 40 per cent lower compared to March, 2008; and

(d) whether Government is considering to provide seven year tax break to benefit gas producers, such as ONGC/Reliance?

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